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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

PARKER et al VS. PARKER, Admr of
Williams v al 2/1816

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Parkman Dillan

James Carr

Henry Gardner

James Harrison

on Aug 3 —

to the worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery sitting -
Humbly complaining shew unto your worships your oratrix Elizabeth
Parker, widow and relict of Edward Parker deceased, late Elizabeth Williams,
daughter of Jordan Williams ~~now~~ deceased, and your oratrix Rhoda
Williams, also a daughter of the said Jordan Williams deceased, that the
said Jordan Williams departed this life on the day of 1815
in the County of Southampton Intestate, that letters of administration upon
his estate have been, in due form of law, granted by the Court of the said
County, to a certain Jesse Parker - that the said Jordan Williams left three children,
to wit, your oratrix Elizabeth Parker, widow relict of the said Jesse Parker dec'd,
which said Jesse Parker died in the lifetime of the said Jordan Williams, your
oratrix Rhoda Williams, and Sally Parker (late Sally Williams) wife
of the aforesaid Jesse Parker, and two grandchildren, to wit, Jacob C
Williams and Seth Williams, infant children of Jordan Williams dec'd
who was son of the above mentioned Jordan Williams deceased - that the
said Jordan Williams, father of your oratrices, died seized of lands, situate
being and being in the said County of Southampton, containing by Estimation
four hundred and seventeen acres, and possessed of the following
slaves, to wit, Sam, Mason, Anthony, Peter, Cyrus, Lucy, Anacker, Claissa,
Amey and Fanny - and in his lifetime, the said Jordan Williams made
an advancement of a negro boy, ^{of the value of two hundred dollars,} named Tom, to the aforesaid
Jesse Parker, who had inter married with his daughter Sally.

Your oratrices beg leave to represent to your worships, that the said Jordan
Williams, their father, at the time of his death, owed no debts, or of any
of very inconsiderable amount - that the money left by him, and

the sales of the perishable Estate, will not only discharge any debts, which he might have owed, but will leave a considerable distributable Surplus in the hands of the said Jesse Parker, his administrator - and that no circumstance now exists which should obstruct a division of the aforesaid Lands & Slaves, in the manner & in the proportions directed by the Statutes in such case made and provided. Your orators are advised that they are each entitled to one equal fourth part of the said Lands and that their proportion of the said Slaves & the other personal Estate, will depend upon the determination of the said Jesse Parker, as to bringing the said advancement to him into Stotchpot - Yet the same cannot be redeemed into possession & enjoyment without the aid & interposition of a Court of Equity, where matters of this sort are properly cognizable - To the End therefore that the said Jesse Parker, administrator of the said Jordan Williams dec'd, the said Jesse Parker & Sally his wife in right of the said Sally, & the said Jacob Williams & Seth Williams infant children of Jordan Williams dec'd, who was son of the said above named Jordan Williams deceased, by Jacob Darden Esq, their guardian, may be made Defendants to this bill & be compelled to answer all & singular the allegations herein contained & that as fully & perfectly as if the same were herein again repeated & they thereunto particularly interrogated - that the said Jesse Parker state, whether, after his intermarriage with his wife Sally, the said Jordan Williams did not advance to him a negro boy, named Tom, & whether he chooses to bring the said

advancement into ~~Stotchpot~~ Stotchpot? that your worships will thereupon decree that the aforesaid Lands & Slaves, of which the said Jordan Williams died seized & possessed, be divided between your oratrices, their Sister Sally Parker, wife of the said Jesse Parker & the aforesaid Jacob Williams & Seth Williams, infant children of Jordan Williams dec'd as aforesaid, in such manner & in such proportions, as, upon the hearing of this cause, may seem right & proper - & that any other & general relief & grants in the premises which may be found consistent with Equity and good conscience - May it please your worships to grant the Complainants writ of Subpoena, commanding &c, and as in duty bound, your oratrices will ever pray &c.

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To the Worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery sitting
The Joint & separate answer of Jacob Williams & Seth Williams infant children of Jordan Williams dec'd, who was son of Jordan Williams dec'd, by Jacob Darden of Jordan Williams dec'd, their guardian, to the bill of Complaint exhibited in this Court against Jesse Parker adm'r of the last named Jordan Williams dec'd, the said Jesse Parker & Sally his wife, in right of the said Sally, and themselves, by Elizabeth Parker and Rhoda Williams - The said infant Defendants, by their said guardian, saving & reserving &c, for answer here to say, that they cannot gainsay the allegations in the said bill contained, & have no objection to the decree prayed for by the Complainants - & they pray to be hence dismissed &c.

(Signed) Jacob Darden

Parker L. C. L. C.

ads. $\frac{2}{3}$ Answer

Parker & Co

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To the worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery sitting
The joint & separate answer of Jesse Parker, administrator of Jordan
Williams dec^d, and of the said Jesse Parker & Sally his wife, in sight of the
said Sally, to the bill of complaint exhibited in this Court against them, and Jacob
Williams & Seth Williams infant children of Jordan Williams dec^d, who was son of the
above named Jordan Williams dec^d, by Elizabeth Parker and Rhoda Williams.

The said Defendants, jointly & severally, saving & reserving to themselves all & every
benefit of Exception whatsoever to the said bill, for answer thereto say - that the allegations
in the said bill contained are true & that they have no objection to an immediate
division of the Land & Slaves of which the said Jordan Williams died seized
& possessed - Your Respondent Jesse Parker, admits the advancement of the
negro boy, Tom, made to him by the said Jordan Williams in his
lifetime, as stated in the bill, and chooses to bring the said ad-
vancement into Hotchpot, at its value ^{which is correctly stated in the bill} when made, - and
properly accounting therefor in the division of the distributable surplus
of money which will remain in his hands & which will be amply sufficient
for that purpose - And he prays to be hence dismissed

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(Signed)

Jesse Parker Adm^r
Jesse Parker & Sally his
Wife

Elizabeth Parker, widow & executrix of Edward Parker decd, late
Elizabeth Williams daughter of Jordan Williams deceased, and
Rhoda Williams, daughter of the said Jordan Williams deceased - Comps.
against

Ipsie Parker administrator of the said Jordan Williams decd, the said
Ipsie Parker and Sally Parker his wife, in right of the said Sally,
and Jacob Williams and Seth Williams, infant children of
Jordan Williams deceased, who was son of the above named Jordan
Williams deceased, by Jacob Darden, their guardian — Defs.

This cause was this day docketed by consent of the parties and the assent of the
Court, and was heard upon the bill and the answers of the defendants,
and was argued by counsel, whereupon the Court doth adjudge, order and
decree, that Richmond Dillard, James Carr, Henry Gardner and James
Harrison, or any three of them, attended by the Surveyor of Southampton
County, do divide the lands in the bill mentioned, containing by estimation
417 acres, of which Jordan Williams died seized in the said County,
into four equal parts, having due regard as well to quality
as quantity, and allot one of the said parts to the complainant
Elizabeth Parker, another of the said parts to the complainant Rhoda
Williams, another of the said parts to the defendants Ipsie Parker and
Sally his wife, and the remaining equal ~~four~~ fourth part to the
infant defendants Jacob Williams and Seth Williams, to be delivered
over to the aforesaid Jacob Darden, their guardian — It is further
adjudged, ordered and decreed by the Court, that the said Commissioners

or any three of them, do divide the following slaves, to wit, Sam,
Mason, Anthony, Peter, Cyrus, Lucy, Anacha, Clarissa, Amey and Fanny,
of which the said Jordan Williams did possess, into four equal ^{parts,} having
due regard to the value of the said slaves, and allot one of the said
parts, to the complainant Elizabeth Parker, another of the said parts to the
complainant Rhoda Williams, another of the said parts to the defendant
Leopold Parker, in right of his wife Sally, and the remaining equal fourth
part to the infant defendants Jacob Williams and Seth Williams, to be
delivered over to the said Jacob Darden, their guardian.

It is further ordered that the said Commissioners make a report of their actings
and doings in this behalf to the Court, in order to a final decree.

Decree

with